Fund Commissioners during 2005, on ad-hoc basis, even though they were not eligible for such promotions as per the guidelines prescribed by the Department of Personnel and Training; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) During the year 2005, four Regional Provident Fund Commissioners Grade-I were promoted to the post of Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner on ad-hoc basis after obtaining approval of the Chairman, Central Board of Trustees in relaxation of qualifying service.

Unemployed youths in Bihar and Jharkhand

†4539. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed youths in Bihar and Jharkhand district-wise;

(b) whether Government have formulated any employment policy to tackle unemployment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the outcome of steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Number of youth job seekers (in the age group of 15-29 years) including educated, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, registered with employment exchanges in Bihar and Jharkhand as on 31-12-2005 was recorded to the tune of 10.57 lakh and 8.91 lakh, respectively. District-wise data are not maintained at Directorate General of Employment & Training.

(b) to (d) In order to tackle the problem of unemployment, Government is attempting employment generation in the normal growth process of the economy as well as through special employment generation programmes. The generation of employment was viewed as a part of the process of development and not as a conflict with, or to be pursued independently of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

economic development. Planning process, therefore, made no attempt to have an independent employment policy.

Labour Laws to private security agencies

4540. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names, addresses and other details of the private security agencies operating in India;

(b) how many of them are multinational agencies with their names and addresses;

(c) the total number of people working in each agency, agency-wise; and

(d) whether labour laws of India are applicable to employees of the security agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Details of private security agencies are not Centrally maintained by the Ministry of Labour & Employment. Labour Laws are applicable to those private security agencies who fulfil the requirements of the relevant Labour Laws.

Cases filed by office of EPFC

4541. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed by the office of Employees' Provident Fund Commissioner against the employees under various provisions of law during the year 2006-07, region-wise;

(b) the number of such cases pending in Courts as on 31st March, 2007, region-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure prompt disposal of such cases in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The number of cases sanctioned for prosecution by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) against its employees during 2006-07 and the number